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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Blase Joseph
4 Cupich on the occasion of his appointment as the new Archbishop
5 of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Blase Cupich was born on March 19, 1949 in Omaha,
7 Nebraska as a native son of the American Midwest; and

8 WHEREAS, After attending St. John Vianney College Seminary
9 in Saint Paul, Minnesota and undergoing further studies in Rome
10 at the Pontifical North American College and the Pontifical
11 Gregorian University, Blase Cupich was ordained to the Roman
12 Catholic priesthood on August 16, 1975; and

13 WHEREAS, Displaying a vocation that included pastoral
14 duties, teaching, and further study, Blase Cupich attained his
15 doctorate in Sacred Theology in 1987; during this time, he
16 served as an associate pastor, pastor, high school instructor,
17 and university instructor in the greater Omaha area and as
18 President-Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in
19 Columbus, Ohio; and

20 WHEREAS, On July 6, 1998, Pope John Paul II appointed Blase
21 Cupich as the Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota; on September

1 21, 1998, he received episcopal consecration from Bishop Harry
2 Flynn of Saint Paul; he served the diocese of Rapid City from
3 1998 until 2010, when he was appointed as Bishop of Spokane by
4 Pope Benedict XVI; and

5 WHEREAS, As the Bishop of Spokane, Blase Cupich took on
6 increasing responsibilities as part of and on the behalf of the
7 American episcopacy of the Roman Catholic Church; he was a
8 member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Scripture Translation and was
9 the author of "The New Roman Missal: A Time of Renewal", a work
10 that placed the new English translation of the Roman Missal
11 into the Catholic Church's tradition of liturgical renewal, in
12 July of 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, In March of 2013, Blase Cupich commenced a 3-year
14 term as chairman of the National Catholic Education
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, On September 20, 2014, Pope Francis announced that
17 Blase Cupich would succeed Cardinal Francis George in Chicago;
18 he was installed on November 18, 2014, succeeding Francis
19 George, who became the archbishop emeritus; and

20 WHEREAS, Archbishop Blase Cupich has chosen, for his motto,
21 the 4 words "Peace Be With You"; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we welcome Blase Joseph Cupich as the 9th Archbishop of
4 Chicago; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That we recognize Archbishop Cupich's life of
6 pastoral leadership, his experience as an instructor in the
7 fields of secondary and post-secondary education, the
8 increasing responsibilities of his life as a bishop of the
9 Roman Catholic Church, and the tremendous challenges he faces
10 in his new Archdiocese, and wish him well as he turns to deal
11 with these challenges; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Blase Joseph Cupich, the Archbishop of Chicago.